

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 18 10, 2004, the Examiner objected to the Abstract for exceeding 150 words in length; rejected claims 1, 4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsudaira et al. (JP 2000328908) (hereinafter "Matsudaira"); and objected to claims 2, 3 and 5-7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but containing allowable subject matter.

The Applicant has amended the Abstract in accordance with the 150 word requirement.

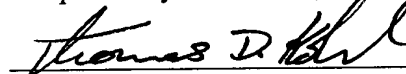
The Examiner indicated that claims 2, 3 and 5-7 were objected to as being dependant on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 6 has been cancelled and its features incorporated into independent claim 1. In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any continuing objections, the Examiner is respectfully asked to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1447 in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0111).

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Respectfully submitted,



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